



Dear Scarborough Businesses,

Over the past few weeks, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our way of life and placed many challenges on us all from both a personal and professional standpoint. All of us have been affected and for the immediate future, there is no more "normal" right now to the way we work, live and socialize, and we are not sure when or what "normal" will look like after this all. These are uncharted waters and navigating everything while trying to keep your head above water can be a challenge.

To help our local businesses, we wanted to join together to find a way to disseminate information and support our local businesses. There is a ton of information coming from the federal, state and local levels, and we hope to get as much of this into your hands so you can figure out the best ways for your company to move forward. We also want to help broadcast changes that you have made to consumers and other businesses so people can find ways to continue to work together and support one another here in Scarborough.

We have created a Facebook page and a newsletter with the name **B**usiness **U**pdate **S**carborough, or what we are calling ***The BUS***. This Facebook page and newsletter are a joint effort between SEDCO, The Scarborough Community Chamber of Commerce (in partnership with the Portland Regional Chamber) and Buy Local Scarborough. In this newsletter and on the Facebook page, you will find information on loans, unemployment insurance and other programs that could help your business. We also want to magnify changes you have made to your business model and hopefully help consumers find ways to continue to support you here as a local business. The BUS Facebook page will feature changes in hours, programming etc. that you want to get out to the community.

We know that this is a trying time, but Scarborough is and always has been a place that supports one another, and we hope that this newsletter will be a place we can do this for our business community.

Thank you,

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